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INTRODUCTION

The Central Intelligence Agency was created under the National Security Act of 1947 (61 Stat. 495) approved July 26, 1947, and established under the National Security Council in the Executive Office of the President. The Agency inherited the personnel, property, and records of the Central Intelligence Group, which had been set up under a Presidential directive of January 22, 1946, to assist the National Intelligence Authority. Both the Central Intelligence Group and the National Intelligence Authority ceased to exist when the terms of the 1947 act took effect.

Headed by a Director appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, the Central Intelligence Agency is responsible for coordinating the intelligence activities of the several Government departments and agencies. Its primary function consists of correlating and evaluating intelligence relating to national security and disseminating it within the Government. It also advises and makes recommendations to the National Security Council concerning intelligence matters and performs, for the benefit of the existing intelligence agencies, such additional services of common concern as the National Security Council decides can be more efficiently carried out by a central organization.

The records described in this inventory are in Record Group 263, Records of the Central Intelligence Agency, and amount to about 130 cubic feet. They consist only of records of the Foreign Broadcast Information Branch, 1947-48. Records created up to December 31, 1946, by the Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service and its predecessors, are in Record Group 262, Records of the Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service.

Related records are in Record Group 38, Records of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, and in Record Group 226, Records of the Office of Strategic Services.

I N V E N T O R YRECORDS OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCYForeign Broadcast Information Branch, 1947-48

The Foreign Broadcast Information Branch had been previously known as the Foreign Broadcast Information Service, the Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service, and the Foreign Broadcast Monitoring Service. On February 26, 1941, the Foreign Broadcast Monitoring Service was established within the Federal Communications Commission. On July 28, 1942, it was renamed the Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service. In December 1945 it was transferred to the War Department where it functioned under the Military Intelligence Division of the General Staff. On August 5, 1946, it was transferred to the Central Intelligence Group of the National Intelligence Authority, where it was renamed the Foreign Broadcast Information Service on November 1, 1946, and the Foreign Broadcast Information Branch on December 31, 1946. It became a part of the Central Intelligence Agency on July 26, 1947.

A. Transcripts and Memoranda

DAILY ENGLISH TRANSCRIPTS AND SUMMARIES OF MONITORED FOREIGN RADIO BROADCASTS. Jan. 1947-Jan. 1948. 131 ft. 1

Arranged alphabetically by name of country, city, or territory from which the broadcast emanated; thereunder chronologically by date and time of broadcast; and thereunder by area where monitored until June 15, 1947, and after that date collectively for "all monitoring areas." Some transcripts are filed under "Miscellaneous," some by the call letters of the transmitting press service, and others by such headings as "For Your Information" and "Log of East Coast."

DAILY TELETYPES OF MONITORED FOREIGN RADIO BROADCASTS SELECTED FOR TRANSMISSION TO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. 1947. 13 ft. 2

Arranged and numbered in chronological order in three subseries: (1) "A Wire" (Jan. 2-Aug. 10, 1947); (2) "B Wire" (Mar. 6-Dec. 31, 1947); and (3) "C Wire" (Jan. 2-Mar. 5, 1947). Subseries 1 includes a guide to contents of broadcasts for the April-June period.

SYNOPSSES OF TRANSCRIPTS OF SIGNIFICANT FOREIGN RADIO BROADCASTS RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON. Dec. 24-31, 1947. 1/4 in. 3

Arranged chronologically.

WEEKLY MEMORANDA CONTAINING LISTS OF IMPORTANT SUBJECTS ("EDITORIAL TARGETS") FOR THE GUIDANCE OF FOREIGN RADIO BROADCAST EDITORS AND MONITORS. 1947. 4 in.
Arranged chronologically. 4

B. Issuances

"DAILY REPORTS OF FOREIGN RADIO BROADCASTS." Jan.-Dec. 1947.
14 ft. 5

Arranged chronologically and thereunder by European, Far Eastern, and Latin American sections in three subseries: (1) daily reports (Jan. 2-Feb. 21) of morse and voice transmission of broadcasts; (2) restricted daily reports (Feb. 24-Dec. 24) of morse transmission of broadcasts; and (3) daily reports (Feb. 24-Dec. 31) of voice transmission of broadcasts. The reports of each subseries are numbered consecutively and each report has a table of contents. There are no reports for Saturdays or Sundays.

DAILY SUMMARIES OF SIGNIFICANT FOREIGN RADIO BROADCASTS. Jan. 6-Dec. 31, 1947. 4 in.
Arranged chronologically. 6

SPECIAL REPORTS RELATING TO MONITORED FOREIGN RADIO COMMENTS ON CURRENT INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. July-Dec. 1947. 5 in.
Arranged chronologically. Each report has a table of contents. 7

WEEKLY SURVEY REPORTS AND COMMENTARIES ON SOVIET UNION RADIO BROADCASTS. Apr.-Dec. 1947. 1 ft.
Arranged chronologically and partially numbered, 8-25. Each report has a table of contents. 8

COMPILATION OF "PROGRAM SCHEDULES OF FOREIGN BROADCASTING STATIONS--LONG, MEDIUM, AND SHORT WAVE." June 7, 1947. 1 vol. 5 in.
Included is a table of contents. 9

WEEKLY "STATION AND PROGRAM NOTES" PERTAINING TO SCHEDULES AND TIMES OF BROADCASTS BY FOREIGN RADIO STATIONS. Jan. 1947-Jan. 1948. 5 in.
Arranged chronologically and numbered, 34-74. 10

"MORSE AND HELLSCHREIBER NEWS SCHEDULES" RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL RADIO CODE TRANSMISSIONS BY FOREIGN PRESS SERVICES. Feb. 12 and Aug. 1, 1947. 1 in.
Arranged chronologically. 11

LISTS SHOWING SHORT WAVE AND LONG AND MEDIUM WAVE RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS OF THE WORLD. Oct. 1947; Jan. 1948. 1 in.
Arranged by type of transmission and thereunder numerically by kilocycles. 12